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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Connect America Fund Phase I Round 2 Support Challenges**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Planters Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Planters") hereby files these challenges to Windstream Corporation's ("Windstream") request to receive support in the second round of the Connect America Fund Phase I ("CAF Phase I Round 2") to provide broadband service to locations within the census blocks of the attached lists. Planters currently provides or can provide within 7-10 days broadband service at or above 3 Mbps download, 768 kbps upload in the census block identified on the attached list. Planters respectfully requests that the Wireline Competition Bureau take into consideration the evidence provided herein as it makes its final determinations about which census blocks are ultimately eligible to receive CAF Phase I Round 2 support.

On August 28, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released a Public Notice (DA 13-1832) which instructed interested parties "to challenge price cap carrier's Phase I deployment plans by demonstrating that a block in question is already served by fixed Internet access with the requisite speeds."<sup>1</sup> The Public Notice included a list of all census blocks that the price cap carriers are requesting to receive CAF Phase I Round 2 support to provide broadband. Planters has reviewed this list and identified census blocks that should not be eligible for CAF Phase I Round 2 support.

Planters hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that it provides or can provide within 7-10 days broadband in the census block included in Attachment A. Moreover, this census block is located wholly within Planters' study area thereby making Windstream ineligible to receive CAF Phase I Round 2 support.

Sincerely,

Stephen Milner  
General Manager

cc: Ryan Yates, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

Attachments

<sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Publishes Census Blocks, and Commences Challenge Process, for Second Round of Connect America Fund Phase I WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 13-1832 (rel. August 28, 2013) ("August 28 Public Notice").

## **ATTACHMENT A**

The following census block is identified in the August 28, 2013 Public Notice as a census block that Windstream is requesting CAF Phase I Round 2 support for the deployment of broadband, which Planters challenges and urges the FCC to determine that this census block is ineligible for CAF Phase I Round 2 support as it is located wholly within Planters' study area.

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## Attachment A

